

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. When large companies (Such as Fox News) control the airwaves, we get material based upon partisan interest rather than local interest, material that is aimed at political gain rather than informing viewers.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. I believe that Sinclair Broadcasting stations should undergo rigorous review during license renewal to determine whether they have abdicated their duty to serve the public interest and instead are a tool for political gain.